

## BERNSTORFF GETS THREAT IN NOTES

Latest Letter States Embassy Will Be Blown Up Tonight. Crank Blamed.

The recipient of an anonymous letter threatening the destruction of the German embassy at 1322 G Street, tonight, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, smilingly asserted today that he expected to be asleep at the hour named.

The Times today received in the mail a typewritten note predicting the destruction of the embassy by a bomb tonight. Inquiries at the embassy developed that Ambassador Bernstorff received a substantial duplicate of the anonymous communication, but he and the embassy attaches declined to take the threat seriously.

"Yes, there's a letter around here somewhere," said the ambassador. "It came in this morning. All I can say is I'll be in bed and asleep at 1:30 or 1:40 o'clock, whatever the hour named may be."

A secretary produced the letter, typewritten on the same sort of stationery as that of The Times' communication.

Both letters were written on letter size paper, with a watermark indicating that the communication came from certain Government departments. This watermark represented the American eagle and shield of the United States.

But no significance is attached to this at the embassy, where the impression prevails that the communication is the single-handed work of a crank who has come into possession of this particular make of paper.

When the letter was received at the embassy it was brought to the attention of Ambassador von Bernstorff, although an attaché explains that it is by no means the first anonymous epistle received there. The ambassador casually glanced at the letter, smiled, and handed it back to the attaché for filing or destruction.

Time Set For 1:32 A. M.

The letter received at the embassy is addressed to the second person to the ambassador, viz: "You will be blown up tonight at 1:32 o'clock."

It is signed "An American" in type-writing.

In the letter, similarly signed, sent to The Times the "you" is changed to read "a German embassy," and the word "blow" is changed to "blast," the threatened method of undoing the embassy building.

Count von Bernstorff, who returned today from New York, was informed by The Times representative that the matter had been mentioned purely as a matter of speculation and gossip. The ambassador lightly answered:

"Did you get one, too? Well, I shall not be up at that hour."

That the letter was the work of an irresponsible was the general impression at the embassy, and not one of the attaches was a worried look.

Gets Police Protection.

Full police protection is being afforded the German embassy, as well as every other embassy and legation in the city, said Major Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, today.

The German embassy has no special extra guards from the Police Department. It is understood, however, that several platoons of men are in the vicinity of the German embassy this afternoon.

A number of telephone calls were received at police headquarters yesterday asking how many, if any, threatening letters had been received. So far none have come direct to the police, and it is the opinion of some of the officers that an inquirer might have tried to "start something" with no intention of carrying it out.

"We are giving to every embassy and legation in the city just such protection as we would expect the police of foreign nations to afford this country's representatives," said Major Pullman. "This protection covers every foreign nation's office in Washington and extends over twenty-four hours a day. At all times we are as vigilant as possible, and we are taking no unnecessary risks. Further than that I cannot be quoted."

## SAVED FROM WATER AFTER FOUR HOURS

NEW YORK, May 8.—An amazing escape from the sea is reported in a cablegram received in this city from C. W. Bowring, of Bowring & Co., owners of the Red Cross line. He was in the water four hours before he was saved. He sent the following message to his wife:

Torpedoes without warning, port side. Jumped overboard starboard.

## Harem Girls' Secrets Told by Sultan's Doctor

Nowhere in the world is long, silky hair held in such high esteem as among the women found in the harems of the Sultan of Turkey. Many of these women are chosen for their beautiful hair alone. When it begins to lose its charm they are discarded. Yet these bewitching hours are mortal, and human hair will fall out. Hence it is that by the discovery of the Harem Hair Tonic, Dr. G. Donagan, formerly of Constantinople, and for 15 years physician to the harem of the Sultan of Turkey, has won the praise and homage of these enchanting women. Following the deposition of the Sultan, this distinguished physician, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, a certified practitioner of the State of New York and for 14 years inspector-in-chief of the physicians of the Hospital for Women, of Constantinople, returned to Philadelphia. Harem Hair Tonic is the one remedy that will at once clear the scalp of dandruff and prevent the hair falling out. It will not bleach, is absolutely harmless, and altogether beneficial. Used as directed will cause a steady growth of new hair and produce a glossy, silky texture.

On sale at O'Donnell's, Atlee's, Christman's, Riker-Hegeman's, Louis E. Ryan (Kenosia bldg.). Booklet, "Secrets of the Harem," sent free on request to The Orient Co., 1396 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.—Advt.

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## WILSON PROMISES TO BE FIRM ON LUSITANIA

Following is the first formal statement to come from the White House in regard to the sinking of the Lusitania:

"After a conference with the President at the White House this evening, his secretary said:

"Of course, the President feels the distress and the gravity of the situation to the utmost, and is considering very earnestly, but very calmly, the right course of action to pursue. He knows that the people of the country wish and expect him to act with deliberation as well as with firmness."

side. In water four hours. No ill effects. Queen's Hotel.

Mr. Bowring was on his way to England on business. Considering his advanced age his escape is regarded as an extraordinary happening.

Other New Yorkers on the Lusitania were Thomas Bloomfield, an insurance man; Robert J. Ewart, of Brooklyn, a manager for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company; Edward Perkins, and Thomas Stickell, a member of the Knickerbocker Club.

Marine League Statement.

The National Marine League of the U. S. A. gave out the following statement yesterday:

"The following cablegram was received from George A. Kessler, a passenger on the Lusitania:

Kessler, N. Y. (Samuel Robert, 20

After three hours in the water was rescued. Had frightful experience and most miraculous escape. Am well and no bad effects, glad to say. Will be Carlton Hotel, London, early Sunday morning. An affair not over twenty-five first class passengers saved. Inform my friends. Love.

GEORGE KESSLER.

Mr. Kessler was not only a founder member, but one of the trustees of the National Marine League.

We immediately sent to him a cablegram as follows:

Deeply grateful God has saved your valuable life. Heartfelt sympathies with you and Mrs. Kessler.

P. H. W. ROSS.

Miss Pauline Hutchinson, a niece of Robert A. Franks, of West Orange, a financial agent for Andrew Carnegie, was on her way to her home in the

shire, England.

Miss Marie Depage, wife of Dr. Antoine Depage, surgeon to King Albert of Belgium, was returning after an extended tour of the United States in the interest of Belgian relief work. While in New York she was a guest of Dr. George Brewer.

Charles F. Williamson, of Brooklyn, whose name was on the first cabin passenger list, said yesterday that his name might have been used without his knowledge, since he never intended to sail. He said he was well known in New York society. He is an insurance man.

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All Classes From and Including Those of 1876 Mobilized, Is Berlin Report.

COPENHAGEN, May 8.—Advices from Berlin say that Italy on Saturday called to the colors all of the infantry classes from and including those of 1876.

Many trains laden with troops are proceeding to the northeastern frontier.

A great anti-German demonstration is reported from Bologna, when a crowd surrounded the German consulate and jeered the occupants.

Austro-German Priests Ordered Out of Italy

ROME, May 8.—Cardinal Gasparri has ordered all German and Austrian clericals to leave Italy at once. The order includes the Jesuit general, Mar. Hedochowski, who is an Austrian subject, but he will defer his start until the very last moment.

The Vatican's attitude toward Italy's prospective decision to enter the war is the object of intense attention, according to a forcible article in the Tribune. Two editorials in the Observatore Romano, the official organ of the Vatican, sounding alarm at Italy's decision and emphasizing the Holy See's desire for peace are bitterly attacked.

The Observatore points out that Austria's offers largely coincide with Italian aspirations. The Tribune strongly criticizes this attitude of the Vatican toward the government.

Three Nuns Killed by German Artillery Fire

PARIS, May 8.—Three hundred refugees from Poperinghe, eight miles west of Ypres, which came under the fire of German artillery, have arrived in this city on special train. Most of them are inmates of an orphanage and a home for the aged conducted by Franciscan sisters.

When the bombardment of Poperinghe was begun on Sunday the sisters declared, the institution were not spared, although they were flying the Red Cross flag. Three nuns were killed while superintending the removal of their charges, and several were wounded.

Flowers and Decorations. Consult guide about flowers and decorations for weddings and commencements. 1214 F.—Advt.

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